FRANCE AROUSED, DEFENDS PLEA FOR ARMY, CALLS BRITAIN INCONSISTENT

Following the investigation by the mysteries of the Chinese

recommendation of Wang

fourth clause of the Root proposals has been subjected to con-siderable criticism, which, in view of maintain gates to-day, is wholly erroneous in

dges the eight countries par-The delegate made categorical denial of elicit co als recognize the status quo of international holding out of conons in China and therefore legal-

against consideration and adjusturia and Shantung. The door is although the American delegates are il "open" and will be kept so to any gestion that may be used as the sis for the rehabilitation of affairs in will soon be removed.

are not subject to the dispute.

Within the second are included agreements covering territorial and

uncovered and abrogated. The exemption of the Mutsu ing features under the Anglo-Japaonly issue on which there exists a of policy and opinion be-delegates of the United in the future. and those of Great Britain,

fact this afternoon the spokesman for stility of Mr gation, toward some of the American

nique), the American delegates In doing so they on the address delivered by

national defence requirements of both France and Italy. In trying to straighten this tangle the sea armaments committee has encountered another knotty problem projected into the discussion by Italy, whose representatives have demanded equal naval privileges with France. The controversy between France and Italy, however, is regarded as susceptible of "ju-dictions adjustment" and is not nearly so disturbing as some other features f the problems confronting the con-

The storm precipitated by Lord Curzon's statement is certain to exer-cise a direct influence upon the relations between the representatives of Great Britain and France at the conference. American spokesmen pricountry will permit its national ani-

What Is China? Ask Japanese Newspapers

OKIO, Nov. 25 (Associated Press).—"What is China?" is comments of the vernacula newspapers with regard to Elihu Root's declaration of principles that should govern the relations of othe Nichi Shimbun believes the Chines ciples, to be operative in the future interested. The Hochi Shimbun ex Shogyo Shimpo urge a clear defin tion of China and the range of the effectiveness of the principles be-

was called.

Hence it is that every official of this government while endeavoring to a sympathetic countries, have adopted a policy of ments are concerned.

ents this afternoon, the debated clause trying to break down the conference, to

of existing that "France deliberately set about de-concessions. stroying the conference" also fails to ent that could be construed

Government have dopted a policy of "standing pat" on

tinues to remain the disturbing factor, The door is although the American delegates are

The American delegation has divided ernment are still insisting that it be the Chinese problem into what are de-scribed as "three circles." Within the ditions which are wholly con- United States are standing shoulder to by the Chinese Government and shoulder against this proposition. Their sions against which the programme of either the British or

plan for limitation of naval armament it was designed to prevent by inviting

eting of the committee on the Far Government will acquiesce in the logic

deplored the activities of tranquil and harmonious conditions. ists and unfriendly critics While no official announcement rethe representatives of some of made, some of the participants in the

The American delegates declared obtained from the officials of the con-

Conference Doings

NNOUNCEMENT was made A at the White House that President Harding has moved toward the formation of an association of nations as an outcome of

Steps were taken to obtain a con us of public opinion regarding he abolition of viper weapons of as advocated editorially by

THE NEW YORK HERALD. The splendid battleship Mutsu continued to be the bone of contention in the Japanese acceptance of the naval programme.

Definite progress was made on Far Eastern affairs, the delegations approving the Chinese plan for ex-traterritorial rights.

REPLIES TO CURZON

Defends Turkish Agreement and Pins Faith on Balfour's Pledge.

OFFERS NAVAL ACCORD

Cites Need of Protection for 60,000,000 Colonists on Three Seas.

PRAISE FOR CONFERENCE

'Should Prove New Source of Joy and Glory to America,' He Says.

Premier Briand of France, whose short stay in this country produced on the French liner Paris. He said with a tranquil spirit and a France is a peaceful nation, but mus

will help you in settling final peace in the world. If France has some rifles

the other delegates, that the situation

for her security."

The Premier continued: "As regards ment of the Japanese position in the matter had been received.

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LIMITATION OF ARMS

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BRIAND SAILS HOME; LLOYD GEORGE AND BRIAND JAPANESE TO YIELD U.S.NAVY MAY BE CUT TO DISCUSS NAVY TONNAGE

Removal of Anglo-French Dispute From Conference Likely-British Acceptance of Limitation Conditional on Success of Negotiations.

By RALPH COURTNEY. al Despatch to THE NEW YORK HERALI

Reports from London that Premier ly read and Mr. Lloyd George may meet if sibility of a deal between France

throws considerable light on what may ultimately be the French tonnage de-mands under new naval agreements. Assuming that France's three squad-

meeting of the Washington committees and that no repercussion of Anglo-French differences invaded the council chamber.

Nevertheless, no very great progress was made on essential matters and obviously cannot be made without a good deal more negotiating. Naval armament limitation in particular will be held up until the French total of naval tonnage is settled and until France and Britain reach an understanding on submarrines and other questions. Britain, so long as the size and composition of the French navy is left undecided, can only agree conditionally upon the general principle of a naval cut.

M. Briand's statement before leaving New York that but for the war France would have had three squadrons of battern reached a satisfactory compromise after further diplomatic interchanges or personal conversations between the French partial skings or of insisting that she be permitted to do so. The French hesitate to commit themselves to a definite reduced figure of tonnage, because Parliament must be consulted before M. Briand would dare to make a positive pronouncement. The attitude of the French Parliament, in turn, depends a greement with England, and presumably Washington must awalt further negotiations between Parlia and London.

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are now under arms. The evacuation of Gillcia, when this operation is carried

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BRITISH PRESS DIVIDED ON CURZON'S WARNING

ally" and thereby inviting some danger-ous retorts. "The French policy may be isolated," the newspaper says, "but it is certainly intelligible and on the whole successful, while Lord Curzon's is

tons. In older destroyers Japan has about 12,000 tons of ships and in older armored and light cruisers about 110,000 tons. The total for the ships on hand is therefore about 241,000 tons.

A number of new cruisers are under

Navy Soon to Be Decided by Tokio Cabinet.

RESULT SEEMS SURE REPLACEMENT QUOTAS

Programmes Still Is Matter of Doubt.

HOLIDAY SEEMS DROPPED MANY DESTROYERS TO GO

Negotiations Is Generally Satisfactory.

nothing harsh about the debate, both of the speakers being animated by the most cordial feeling. Senator Schanzer merely reiterated his views as to what he thought Italy should do with respect to land armament."

"Italy is not afraid of any nation in Europe," a delegation spokesman said. "She has no cause to fear France and there is no more reason for such fear than on the part of America. Italy wants to be a big factor in Europe in bringing about peace. In a word, our aim is to be the mediator and we think we have already accomplished semething along this line."

So far as can be learned, the naval holiday idea of America's plan has been lost. No nation in the world seems to be willing to give up the warship building facilities to the extent called for under the Hughes plan. It is understood that it was once deemed advisable to cut the holiday to one of five years, but that because of some British objection to such a plan it was abandoned. It probably would be very acceptable to the British to have the plan allow for the commencement of a new ship each year, but this is not a policy which the United States will readily agree to. So far as can be learned, the naval holiday idea of America's plan has been lost. No nation in the world seems to

the United States will readily agree to. It would allow complete replacement on the part of Japan in ten years and on the part of Great Britain in twenty years and in eighteen years upon the part of the United States. The more sensible idea appears to be to allow each nation to replace its ships as they become seventeen years of age without any restrictions as to when the first replacement shall take place.

France's position on the matter of submarines seems to have delayed any agreement on this phase. The American delegates are understood to be holding to the original proposal, the only objections to it being from the Britons. From present indications it would seem that the submarine tonnage figures for the three great naval Powers will go through as planned in spite of the rather spirited controversy with the Britons. The figures for France and Italy are still in doubt.

175,000 TONS MORE

Fate of Pride of Nippon's Scrapping to Be Done in the Next Four Years Under Hughes Plan.

Question of Replacement Three Fine Cruisers Will Be Completed in 1922 for America.

Progress of Naval Armament Drastic Reduction in Auxiliary Tonnage Must Be Made

proposed reduction of America's navy without the addition of large ships, tons of additional ships will have to and this is beside the purpose of the be scrapped within the next four

legates have taken up the situation is 450,000, and our total tonnage of cruisers, destroyers and flotilla leaders the types included by that designa-

This figure is reached by adding to Japanese navy men are making every year, and inclusive of a number of de the pride of the Japanese navy and is very reverently regarded by the Japan-esc people. For this reason, more than any other, the Japanese naval authori-total displacement of 139,450 tons and twelve light cruisers having a total displacement of 43,175 tons. The total, it is to be seen, is 551,224 tons or 101,224 tons over our allowance. No figures for replacements omputation of strength may be

next year, and next year we will com-plete three fine new cruisers displacing 7,500 tons each. Add their total dis-placements to the figures above and our auxilliary combatant strength be-comes 573,724 tons. A further ma-terial reduction is seen to be necessary.

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whole successful, while Lord Curzon's is
neither."

A number of new cruisers are under
construction which will total about
79,000 tons and possibly further destroy.
Fresh.—Reports cabled from Washing
ton to foreign newspapers to the effect
that Premier Briand of France and Senator Schanzer, head of the Italian delegation to the armament conference, had
"engaged in a harsh debate" at the meeting of the conference committee on naval
armaments last Wednesday were charavertized by Italian spokesmen to-day as
"utterly without foundation."

"It is worth while to let you know,
said the spokesman, "that nothing of
the kind happened. It is true that Senator Schanzer pointed out the Italian
alim in coming to the conference and
M. Briand repeated what he had said at
the plenary session on the question of
land armaments for France. There was
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Gunboat Classification. If the cruisers of the Des Moine class are allowed under the gunbeat classification it will remove an additional 19.200 tons from our total. It is entirely probable that these cruisers will be placed under a different classification as the conference is one to reduce naval expenditures, and the United States will have to replace immediately these vessels if they must be scrapped, as we need gunboats, and we need them badly.

The total figure for the ships to be The total lighte to the ships to be scrapped or placed under a different classification is 115.545 tons. This figure subtracted from our present auxilliary tonnase gives us 458,179 tons, or very close to our tonnage allotment. The

Hughes plan takes this figure into consideration, however, and makes a provise for this extra tonnage. It is: "Provided that no party to this agreement whose total tonnage in auxiliary surface combatant craft on November 11, 1921, exceeds the prescribed tonnage shall be required to scrap such excess tonnage until replacements begin, at which time the total tonnage of auxiliary combatant craft for each nation shall be reduced to the prescribed allowance as herein stated."

This means that we will not have to make up for that \$,179 tons until 1923, when other old armored cruisers become of age for replacement. However, 1923 will present its problems.

NAVAL MEN WILLING TO LIMIT ARMAMENT

Admiral Jones Says World-

wide Demand Is Recognized. flicers to sacrifice their personal desires

antic Fleet; Rear Admiral Bleaves and many other naval

GETS \$4,500,000 TAX BILL.

DETROIT, Nov. 25.—The Federal Government has demanded \$4,500,000 in in come and excess profit taxes from the Lincoln Motor Car Company, which is in a receiver's hands.

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